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TITLE OF INVENTION MULTIFUNCTION CARD SYSTEM

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2	751473/017	235-380,000	S71 UTILITY	YES	\$605.00	12/26/00

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**Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks**

## Notice of Allowability

Application No.  
**09/428,641**

Applicant(s)  
**Dorf, R.**

Examiner  
**Daniel Felten**

Group Art Unit  
**2876**



All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to 8/29/2000

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 32-65

☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

### Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Terminal Disclaimer*

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3 1. The terminal disclaimer filed on August 29, 2000 disclaiming the terminal portion of  
4 any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of any  
5 patent granted on Application Number 08/891,261 (Pat. No. 6,000,608 ) has been reviewed  
6 and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

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9 2. Claims 32-65 are allowed.

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11 3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

12 The applicant discloses a multifunction card system having a multifunction card capable  
13 of serving as a prepaid phone card, debit card, loyalty card, gift certificate card, and medical  
14 information card. The prior art of record does not show in combination with the previously  
15 mentioned features wherein the system comprises a bank processing hub with bank hub  
16 control software in communication over a banking network having a standard retail point-of-  
17 sale for which the multifunction card is swiped through the point of sale.

1 Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the  
2 payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the  
3 issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for  
4 Allowance."

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6 *Conclusion*

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8 4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the  
9 examiner should be directed to **Daniel S. Felten** whose telephone number is (703) 305-0724.  
10 The examiner can normally be reached between the hours of 7:30AM to 6:00PM Monday-  
11 Friday.

12 If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's  
13 supervisor, Don Hajec, can be reached on (703) 308-7045. The fax phone number for this Group  
14 is (703)308-7382 or (703) 308-7722.

15 Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35  
16 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be  
17 addressed to [daniel.felten@uspto.gov].

18 All Internet e-mail communications will be made of record in the application file. PTO  
19 employees do not engage in Internet communications where there exists a possibility that  
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21 signed express waiver of the confidentiality requirements of 35 U.S.C. 122. This is more clearly  
22 set forth in the Interim Internet Usage Policy published in the Official Gazette of the Patent and  
23 Trademark on February 25, 1997 at 1 195 OG 89.

24 Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding

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**Art Unit: 2876**

**Representative: DeCarlo, J.** (36,120 )

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1 should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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4 September 13, 2000



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PRIMARY EXAMINER